Rehabilitation package for riot victims in Gujarat

*225. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government prepared a rehabilitation package for riot affected people of Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons for delay in finalising the package?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (c) Besides the efforts undertaken by Government of Gujarat for rehabilitation of riot affected people, the Prime Minister announced on April 30, 2002 a Package of Rs. 150 crores for the economic rehabilitation for the riot-affected persons in Gujarat which included:

(i) Reconstruction and repair of damaged homes and shops both in rural and urban areas.

(ii) Assistance to all the self-employed categories who lost their earning assets.

(iii) Financial support for recommending business, commercial and industrial activities.

(iv) Revival of educational, medical and other institutions in the affected areas and special programmes to benefit widows and children.

The package announced by the Prime Minister supplemented the schemes udertaken by the Govt. of Gujarat and is being implemented expeditiously. There has been no delay in finalising the package.

Assistance to SERCs

*228. SHRI S.M. LAL JAN BASHA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a plan to assist the State Electricity Regulatory Commission, based on their performance;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether money has been released to any State Electricity Regulatory Commission under this incentive scheme; and

(d) if so, the details of funds released?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI ANANT GANGARAM GEETE): (a) to (d) As per the provisions of the Electricity Regulatory Commissions (ERC) Act, 1998, the responsibility of constitution and funding of State Electricity Regulatory Commissions (SERCs) vests with the State Government. The SERCs are constituted by the State Governments in terms of Section 17 of the ERC Act. As regards the budget of the State Commission, the ERC Act provides that the State Commissions shall prepare, in such form and at such time in each financial year as may be prescribed, its budget for the next financial year, showing the estimated receipts and expenditure of the State commission and forward the same to the State Government.

Union Government has no plan for extending financial assistance to State Electricity Regulatory Commissions (SERCs) nor of evaluating their performance.

Financial assistance to some SERCs has been provided by the Power Finance Corporation (PFC) in the form of grant to promote Reforms in the States.

Pensionary benefits to CISF personnel

*230. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the number of CISF personnel posted at PTPP, Parichcha, Jhansi (UP) are not getting pensionary benefits since 1990 even after completion of more than 20 years service due to some minor mistakes;

(b) if so, the category-wise details thereof;

(c) whether Director-General of CISF have received any representations from the Member of Parliament in the February, May, 2001 and January, 2002 in this regard; and

(d) if so, the action taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?